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Ms. Fani Willis
Fulton County District Attorney
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Re: Request for Information

District Attorney Willis:

As the Chair of the Fulton County Audit Committee, I must reasonably inquire about allegations contained in a recent court filing asserting that you misused County funds and accepted valuable gifts and personal benefits from a contractor/recipient of County funds.

These allegations involve your decision to appoint Nathan Wade to serve as a special prosecutor in the matter in which former President Trump is a co-defendant. Mr. Wade is alleged to (1) lack relevant prosecutorial experience in a case of this type and complexity, (2) have paid for your portion of multiple instances of joint leisure travel, and (3) be in a romantic relationship with you that was not disclosed to the court or to the parties in the case.

Separate from any potential inquiry by the State of Georgia, this situation requires confirmation of whether County funds provided for the operation of your office and its prosecutorial function were used in an appropriate manner, and whether any payments of County funds to Mr. Wade were converted to your personal gain in the form of subsidized travel or other gifts.

To assist the Audit Committee in making these determinations and safeguarding Fulton County's interests, please provide the following information by February 2, 2024:

1. Laws, rules, or regulations that apply to a district attorney's selection or appointment of a special assistant district attorney (a/k/a special prosecutor).
2. Contracts or service agreements with special prosecutors utilized by your office from January 1, 2021 through present.
3. Invoices for services, expenses, costs, fees, etc. submitted for payment by special prosecutors utilized by your office from January 1, 2021 through present.
4. Payments to special prosecutors utilized by your office from January 1, 2021 to present.
5. Source of funding for any payments to special prosecutors utilized by your office from January 1, 2021 to present.
6. Professional experience of each special prosecutor utilized by your office from January 1, 2021 to present.
7. Relevant professional experience needed or required for each special prosecutor utilized by your office from January 1, 2021 to present.

8. Method of determining hourly rate of each special prosecutor utilized by your office from January 1, 2021 to present.
9. Basis/bases for any hourly rate differential among special prosecutors utilized by your office from January 1, 2021 to present.

Your attention and prompt response to this request for information is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bob

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